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Letter dated 16 November 2004 from the Acting President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Chairman of the First Committee, Luis Alfonso de Alba (Mexico), dated 5 November 2004, concerning the revised version of programme 3, Disarmament, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007, as approved by the First Committee, for consideration under agenda item 109 (see annex).

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Annex

Revised version of programme 3, Disarmament, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007[a]

1. In paragraph 3.2, in the fifth line after the words "United Nations Millennium Declaration (resolution 55/5) and", insert the words "takes into account other"; in the sixth line, replace the words "Security Council addressing disarmament issues" with the words "United Nations"; and delete the last sentence of the paragraph, "This momentum is likely to expand in the forthcoming biennium".

2. In paragraph 3.5, insert the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "The Department will also assist Member States in increasing understanding among them of the relationship between disarmament and development".

Subprogramme 1
Multilateral negotiations on arms limitation and disarmament

3. **Objective of the Organization** should read as follows:

> To support multilateral negotiations and deliberations on agreements on arms limitation and disarmament, including non-proliferation in all its aspects, and provide support as required by States parties to the existing multilateral arms limitation and disarmament agreements in those areas.

4. Under **Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat**, (a), in the last line, replace the words "arms limitation and disarmament agreements" with the words "agreements on arms limitation and disarmament, including non-proliferation in all its aspects".

5. Under **Indicators of achievement**, (a) and (b) should read as follows: Feedback from delegations as to the standard of organizational and substantive services provided.

6. Under **Indicators of achievement**, (c) (i), in the last line after the words "relevant draft resolution", insert the words "and participants in the programme".

7. In paragraph 3.7, insert the following new subparagraph (f):

> (f) Providing Member States and international and non-governmental organizations participating in United Nations disarmament-related conferences and meetings with updated information and advisory services on arms control and disarmament.

Subprogramme 2
Weapons of mass destruction

8. **Objective of the Organization** should read as follows:

> To promote and support the efforts for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects, and to assist Member States, as requested, in supporting existing treaties related to weapons of mass destruction.

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[a] See A/59/6 (Prog. 3).

9. Under **Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat**, (a), in the third line after the words "disarmament issues", insert the words "including non-proliferation in all its aspects,".

10. Under **Indicators of achievement**, (a) should read as follows: Feedback from delegations as to the standard of organizational and substantive services provided.

11. In paragraph 3.8 (a), in the second line, after the words "weapons of mass destruction", insert the words "in particular nuclear weapons".

12. In paragraph 3.8 (b), in the second line, after the words "full implementation and universalization of ", insert the word "existing"; and at the end of the paragraph after the words "in particular nuclear weapons", insert the words "and their delivery systems".

13. In paragraph 3.8 (c), in the first line, after the word "cooperation", insert the words "in accordance with existing arrangements".

Subprogramme 3
Conventional arms (including practical disarmament measures)

14. **Objective of the Organization** should read as follows:

> To promote greater mutual confidence between Member States in the field of conventional arms and to address the destabilizing and excessive accumulation of and illicit trafficking in and manufacture of small arms and light weapons.

15. Under **Indicators of achievement**, (b) (i), in the first line, delete the words "Maintenance of"; and in the last line, delete the words "and expansion of the scope of the Register".

16. Insert new indicator of achievement (b) (ii) as follows:

> (ii) The percentage of States providing additional information on procurement from national production and military holdings, pending development of the Register by Member States.

17. Re-letter existing indicator of achievement (ii) as (iii); and in the first line of the re-lettered (iii), delete the words "Maintenance of ".

18. In subparagraph 3.9 (f), in the first line, delete the word "further"; and in the second line, delete the words "and facilitating progress towards universal participation".

Subprogramme 4
Monitoring, database and information

19. **Objective of the Organization** should read as follows:

> To provide Member States and the public with objective, impartial and up-to-date information on disarmament activities.

20. Under **Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat**, insert new (d), as follows:

> (d) Better preparedness of States to undertake multilateral deliberations and negotiations in the field of disarmament.

21. Under **Indicators of achievement**, (b), in the second line after the word "regional", insert "/multilateral".

22. Under **Indicators of achievement**, insert new (d) as follows:

(d) An increase in the delivery to Member States of factual and objective information regarding various aspects of disarmament and easier access by end-users to such information (status of treaties, treaty obligations, progress in negotiations etc.), with an active use of electronic means.

Subprogramme 5
Regional disarmament

23. **Objective of the Organization** should read as follows:

To promote and enhance international efforts towards global disarmament and international peace and security through the support and promotion of regional disarmament efforts and initiatives using approaches freely arrived at among the States of the region and taking into account the legitimate requirements of States for self-defence and the specific characteristics of each region.

24. Under **Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat**, (a), in the second line after the word "cooperation" insert the words ",coordination and collaboration".

25. Under **Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat**, delete (c) and re-letter existing (d) as (c).

26. Under **Indicators of achievement**, delete (c) and re-letter existing (d) as (c).

27. Under **Legislative mandates**, add the following decision of the General Assembly:

58/521 Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament